

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 801, the Veterans' Opportunities Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5571–S5662

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 945–963, S. Res. 94, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Pages S5615–16**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

S. Con. Res. 42, condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes.

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Measures Passed:

Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for CHAMPVA, to provide for family coverage and retroactive expansion of the increase in maximum benefits under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and to make technical amendments, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5574–77**

Thomas (for Specter/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 790, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5574–77**

Recognizing Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, to designate May 28, 2001, as a special day for recognizing the sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces killed in hostile action since the end of the Vietnam War. **Pages S5638–58**

Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center: Senate passed S. 378, to redesignate the Federal building

located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center". **Page S5658**

James C. Corman Federal Building: Senate passed S. 468, to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building". **Page S5658**

Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 757, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 West Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse". **Page S5658**

Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 774, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse". **Page S5658**

Wildland Fire Management: Senate passed H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5658**

Tax Relief Reconciliation Amendment Modified: By unanimous-consent, Boxer Amendment No. 767, to extend the work opportunity credit to encourage the hiring of certain veterans, which fell on a point of order, to H.R. 1836, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (as passed the Senate on May 24, 2001), was modified. **Page S5638**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Emergencies with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-23) **Page S5610**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) the Bosnian Serbs, and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-24)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas 47 nays (Vote No. 167), Theodore Bevy Olson, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. (Prior to this action, Senate discharged the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration.)

By 96 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. 168), Viet D. Dinh, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By 95 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. 169), Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services.

Maurice A. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erik Patrick Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Angela Styles, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

John Charles Weicher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Linda J. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Richard A. Hauser, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Thomas E. White, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army.

James G. Roche, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S5578–S5603, S5659–60, S5661–62**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Bennett William Raley, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Howard H. Leach, of California, to be Ambassador to France.

Sarah V. Hart, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

James Edward Rogan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Thomas P. Christie, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Eileen J. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Odessa F. Vincent, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S5601–03**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 25, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5660.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 211 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DECIMALIZED MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded hearings on the recent conversion of quotations in equity securities and options from fractional to decimal pricing and the effects that this change has on market dynamics and trading behavior, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Acting Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; J. Patrick Campbell, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., and Peter Jenkins, Zurich Scudder Investments, both of Washington, D.C.; Catherine R. Kinney, New York Stock Exchange, Donald D. Kittell, Securities Industry Association, and Robert B. Fagenson, Van der Moolen Specialists USA, all of New York, New York; and Kenneth D. Pasternak, Knight Trading Group, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, and Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, each to be a Member, all of the Federal Communications Commission, Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, and Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation, and Kathleen B. Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary/Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Bruce P. Mehlman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, all of the Department of Commerce.

U.S. ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the Administration's National Energy Policy report, and Price-Anderson Act provisions of pending energy legislation, including S. 388, to protect the energy and security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50% by the year 2011 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies; improve environmental quality by reducing emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases; mitigate the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, S. 472, to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States, and S. 597, to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon;

S. Con. Res. 42, condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies;

S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission; and

S. Res. 91, condemning the murder of a United States citizen and other civilians, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of the Indonesian judicial system to hold accountable those responsible for the killings, proposed legislation condemning the practices of the Taleban, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Stephen Brauer, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Ruth A. Davis, of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of